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BEGIN SUMMARY: ALMOST UNNOTICED AMID SEASONAL VISITORS, PREPARATIONS FOR ISLAMIC SUMMIT AND ECONOMIC CONCERNS, PEOPLES' PARTY HAS RACKED UP THREE MORE BY-ELECTIONS, TWO OF THEM UNOPPOSED (INCLUDING THAT OF CHIEF MINISTER KHAR). ONE NEW MINISTER HAS BEEN ADDED TO PUNJAB CABINET. PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY REOPENED, BUT ADJOURNED FOR LACK OF QUORUM. NEXT BY-ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR FEB 10. END SUMMARY.

1. PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER MALIK GHULAM MUSTAFA KHAR WAS SWORN IN AS MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY JAN 14, HAVING BEEN DECLARED ELECTED TO KOT ADU (MUZAFFARGARH) SEAT WHEN ALL OTHER CANDIDATES WITHDREW. (KHAR TOOK OVER AS CHIEF MINISTER ON NOVEMBER 12, 1973, AND HAD TO BECOME ELECTED TO ASSEMBLY BY FEB 13.)

2. BY-ELECTION FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SEAT VACATED BY KHAR WAS FORFEITED TO MIAN GHULAM ABBAS (PPP) WHO HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESIGNED KOT ADU PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY SEAT TO MAKE WAY

FOR KHAR. ABBAS TOO WALKED IN WITHOUT OPPOSITION WHEN OTHER CANDIDATES WITHDREW, ALLEGING IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FIGHT FAIR ELECTION AGAINST PPP IN CONSTITUENCY.

3. ON DEC 30, MIAN RIAZ DAULTANA (PPP) WAS ELECTED TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FROM VEHARG (MULTAN) SEAT, TAKING PLACE

OF HIS COUSIN MIAN MUMTAZ MOHAMMAD KHAN DAULTANA, WHO RESIGNED SEAT TO REMAIN PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR TO U.K. VEHARI CONTEST WAS LOPSIDED AFFAIR IN TRADITIONAL DAULTANA TERRITORY, WITH WINNER CAPTURING 92,631 OF 103,358 VOTES CAST. OPPOSITION CANDIDATE SUPPORTED BY ALL UDF PARTIES WAS MAULANA ABDUL RAHIM NOMANI OF JUL. DAULTANA IS ABOUT 55 YEARS OLD AND MEMBER OF FAMOUS "22 FAMILIES", WITH BUSINESS INTERESTS IN BOTH PUNJAB AND SIND. HE WAS MEMBER OF PUNJAB ASSEMBLY ONCE BEFORE (IN 1948, WHEN HIS FATHER, NAWAB ALLAH YAR KHAN DAULTANA, DIED). FULL BIO REPORT BEING POUCHED.

4. ON DEC 26, BRIGADIER (RETD) SAHIBDAD KHAN WAS SWORN IN AS TRANSPORT MINISTER IN PUNJAB CABINET. KHAN IS IN HIS EARLY FIFTIES AND HAS HELD KHARIAN (GUJRAT) SEAT IN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY SINCE 1970 ELECTIONS. HE RETIRED FROM ARMY SOON AFTER 1965 INDO-PAK WAR AND HAS BEEN MEMBER OF PPP SINCE 1969. IN 1970 HE WAS APPOINTED CHIEF OF PPP PEOPLES GUARDS IN PUNJAB. FULL BIO BEING POUCHED.

5. PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY MET JAN 14 FOR THIRD SITTING OF WINTER SESSION. NO PARTICULAR BUSINESS WAS ON AGENDA, AND ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED FOR LACK OF QUORUM SHORTLY AFTER SWEARING IN CHIEF MINISTER KHAR AS MPA. NEXT BY-ELECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED ON FEB 10 FOR TWO PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY SEATS OF SHEIKHUPURA AND BAHAWALNAGAR. BAHAWALNAGAR SEAT WAS RECENTLY VACATED BY MOHAMMAD IQBAL KHAN OF MUSLIM LEAGUE, REPORTEDLY TO ENABLE PUNJAB PPP PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS WATTOO TO OBTAIN SEAT IN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY.
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